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	Filing Date	<b>Herewith</b>
	First Named Inventor	<b>STAHLER et al.</b>
	Group Art Unit	<b>1639</b>
	Examiner Name	<b>Bennett M. Celsa</b>
	Attorney Docket Number	<b>2923-593</b>
<p><b>Title: SUPPORT FOR ANALYTE DETERMINATION METHODS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SUPPORT</b></p>		

### **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**Introductory Comments:**

Prior to the prosecution on the merits, please amend the claims as shown in the appended pages.

Amendments to the claims start on page 2 of this paper.